

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)	
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DOUGLAS et al.)	Before the Examiner
)	Apanius, Michael
Application No. 10/612,852)	
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Filed July 03, 2003)	3736
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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR)	
SAMPLING AND ANALYZING BODY)	
FLUID)	Confirmation No. 4411

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.